

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2004 and follows an Advisory Action mailed on February 23, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were pending. With this amendment, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Applicants note that these amendments pertain to subject matter previously present in dependent claims 3, 4, 12 and 13. Subsequently, claims 3, 4, 12 and 13 have been cancelled and claims 5 and 14 have been amended to correct dependency issues. Furthermore, claims 18-20 have been cancelled.

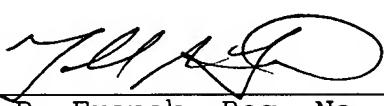
This amendment has been filed along with a Brief for Appellant. Applicants submit that the amendments made herein meet the requirements of 37 CFR 41.33(b) and respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the pending claims, namely claims 1, 2, 5-11 and 14-17 be withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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